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THE INCREDIBLE HULK WEEKLY

DEATH
AND
DESTINY!



MARVEL'S
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SENSATION!

A CLASSIC ENCOUNTER WITH THE FANTASTIC FOUR!

HULK'S GREATEST BATTLES!

AS A WELL-DRESSED, SOPHISTICATED AUDIENCE LEAVES THE CITY SYMPHONY AUDITORIUM, NONE SUSPECT THE FAMOUS FIGURE WHO IS IN THEIR MIDST!

OH, BEN... WASN'T BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH THE MOST BEAUTIFUL SYMPHONY YOU'VE EVER HEARD?

IF YOU SAY SO, KID! PERSONALLY, I GET MY KICKS FROM LOW-DOWN NEW ORLEANS JAZZ!

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LOOK, MY DEAR! A COMPANY OF INFANTRYMEN! HERE IN NEW YORK!

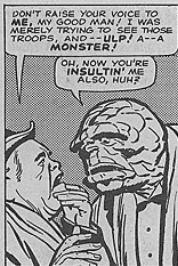
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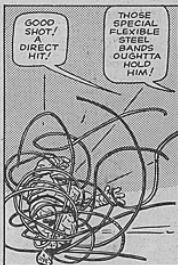
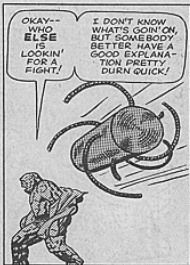
LOOK OUT WHO YOU'RE POKIN'!

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MINUTES LATER...

BEN!
OH, BEN,
MY
DARLING
--ARE YOU
ALL
RIGHT??

HUH? OH SURE
--SURE! IT
TAKES MORE
THAN A WHIFF
OF GAS TO PUT
THE THING OUT
FOR THE COUNT!

MY APOLOGIES,
SIR. MY MEN
MISTOOK YOU
FOR THE HULK!
THERE IS A
NATIONAL ALARM
OUT FOR HIM!



YOU TRYIN' TO
TELL ME YOU
THOUGHT THAT
BRAINLESS
LUMP OF LARD
WAS MESSIN' OF
ALL THE
CRUMMY...

BEN,
DON'T!
HE'S
TRYING
TO
APOLOGIZE!
PLEASE,
BEN!

C-CAN YOU
CONTROL YEA,
MA'AM'S BETTER
STAY BACK,
MEN, TILL HE
COOLS OFF!



AS IF BEIN' THE THING AINT
BAD ENOUGH, NOW THOSE
LAMEBRAIN'S ARE MISTAKIN'
ME FOR THE HULK! BAH!
C'MON, KID, I'LL TAKE YOU
HOME!



AFTER LEAVING ALICIA, AND
REACHING THE LOBBY OF THE
BAXTER BUILDING...

BLAST THE LUCK! I
MUSTA DROPPED THE
ELECTRONIC THINGAMAJIG
THAT OPENS OUR SPECIAL
ELEVATOR DOOR!



WELL, I AINT
IN THE MOOD
TO GO BACK
AND LOOK FOR
IT!

WE BEEN
NEEDIN' A
NEW DOOR,
ANYWAY!



WITHOUT THE SPECIAL
KEY, THE ELEVATOR WON'T
COME DOWN TO THE STREET
FLOOR! BUT THAT AINT
GONNA STOP ME! IT'S ONLY
ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE FLOORS
TO THE TOP!



AND MINUTES LATER...

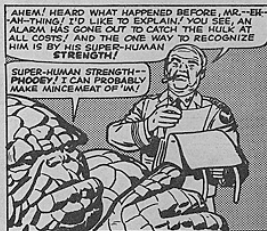
WELL WELL,
HERE COMES
LOVER-BOY!
HOW WAS
YOUR DATE
WITH ALICIA,
ROMEO?

KNOCK IT
OFF,
JOHNNY!
THE THING
DOESN'T
LOOK LIKE
HE'S IN THE
MOOD TO KID
AROUND!

WHAT'S
WRONG,
BEN?
CARE
TO
TELL
US
WHAT
HAPPENED?

YOU'RE
DARN
TOOTIN'
I'LL TELL
YA WHAT
HAPPENED!
IT'S A
LUCKY THING
I DIDN'T
SMASH A FEW
HEADS
TOGETHER!





NEXT-MISSION: STOP THE HULK!

**YOU BEGGED US...
YOU PLEADED WITH US...**

But we did it anyway!

FRANTIC

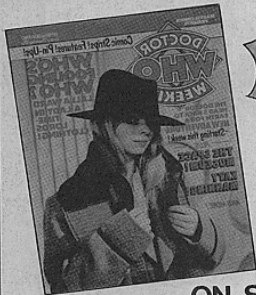
(NUMBER TWO IN A FIELD OF ONE)

HAS GONE MONTHLY!

ON SALE NOW!



DOCTOR WHO WEEKLY NUMBER 19



THE SPACE MUSEUM!

**THREE GREAT COMIC STRIPS!
FACT-PACKED PHOTO-FEATURES!
PHOTO FILE PIN-UP!
AND MUCH MORE!**

ON SALE NOW!



THE SECRET LOCATION OF CAMELOT IS REVEALED!

THE BLACK KNIGHT

CAMELOT - SOURCE OF A HUNDRED LEGENDS
-- FABLED SEAT OF KING ARTHUR AND HIS
KNIGHTS -- AND NOW THE LAST BASTION
AGAINST THE NETHERWORLD, NECROMON AND
HIS EVIL HORDES!

-- FOR ONLY A SLENDER
BRIDGE PREVENTS THEM
FROM CRASHING INTO THE
DEPTHS OF THE NETHER
REGIONS FAR BELOW --

A BRIDGE CONSTRUCTED
IN A TIME OF DIRE PERIL
BY THE GREAT MAGICIAN --
AND EMBLEAZONED WITH
THE SIGN OF POWER!

AND FOR UNTOLD
MILLENNIA A CHOSEN
WARRIOR HAS GUARDED
THE BRIDGE WITH A
CEASELESS VIGIL --
PREPARED AT ALL
TIMES TO SOUND THE
CALL-
TO-
ARMS.

AS HE DOES NOW!
A GREAT BLAST
ECHOES THROUGH THE
MOUNTAINS OF
OTHERWORLD --
AROUSING THE
ATTENTION OF THE
WARRIORS WITHIN!

HARKEN TO
THE CALL OF
GAFIEL! A
SOUND WORTHY
TO WAKEN THE
DEAD!

STRANGERS
MUST BE
APPROACHING
CAMELOT!

BALANCED PRECARIOUSLY
ON THE EDGE OF A BOTTOMLESS
GULF - HELD ONLY BY THE SORCERY
OF ABERYNN, THE CASTLE AND ITS
INHABITANTS AWAIT THEIR FATE...



STRANGERS INDEED
--- THE BLACK KNIGHT
HIMSELF, LEADING HIS
DISBONDED, THE GIANT
ROCK TROLL, KNOWN AS
GARGANTUA...



*WHOSE EPIC BATTLE
WITH THE KNIGHT TOOK
PLACE IN ISSUES 49
AND 50 --- DEC.

BEHOLD---WHAT
MANNER OF
MAN APPROACHES?

HE HAS A
FAMILIAR
LOOK...

WE SHALL
SOON SEE...



HALT!



WHO
SEEKS ENTRANCE
TO THE FORTRESS
OF CAMELOT? IDENTIFY
YOURSELF!

THE BLACK KNIGHT
I AM! CHAMPION
OF MERLIN---
SLAYER OF
DRAGONS---



AND BEARER
OF
EXCALIBUR!!



EXCALIBUR?
YOU LIE!

ONLY ONE IS
WORTHY OF
THE ENCHANTED
BLADE!



BE STILL,
OWEN--- I
WOULD HEAR
MORE OF THIS
GREAT WARRIOR
--- THIS SLAYER
OF DRAGONS.

HE KNOWS! THE GATE-
KEEPER SUSPECTS
THAT I HOLD THE
DRAGON-POWER--- I
CAN SEE IT IN HIS
FACE!



I MUST
TURN HIS
MIND TO
OTHER
THINGS!

BUT BEFORE THE KNIGHT
COULD SPEAK---

TAKES THE WORD
OF THIS WRETCH---
GARGANTUA I AM,
AND YOU KNOW ME
WELL--- I STAND
CAPTIVE BEFORE
YOU---

HUMBLED BY
THIS KNIGHT'S ORLUDIC
POWER, TAKE HEED,
YOU ARE NO MATCH
FOR HIM!



I WILL STAND ASIDE, THEN---
AND ALLOW ENTRANCE TO THE
BLACK KNIGHT--- FOR WE HAVE
NEED OF WARRIORS IN THESE
DAYS OF DARKNESS.



AS FOR MY
PRISONER, CONFINE
HIM TO YOUR STRONGEST
CELL--- HE MAY BE
USEFUL IN THE DAYS
TO COME.

INSIDE THE CASTLE, THE KNIGHT GAZED
WONDER-STUCK AT THE VOID BENEATH
THEM---



CAMELOT WAS
ONCE A CITADEL
OF LIGHT--- NOW
DARKNESS EN-
CROACHES ON ALL
SIDES---

HOW COULD
SUCH A THING
COME TO
PASS?



THEREBY
HANGS A TALE,
MANY YEARS
IN THE
TELLING!

THE KNIGHT TURNED TO FACE THE FAIR
FEATURES OF ROMA--- DAUGHTER OF
MERLYN---

MY
LADY!

WELCOME HOME,
SIR KNIGHT--TO A
FAIR DIFFERENT
CAMELOT THAN THAT
OF LEGEND

PRaise BE! SOON THEN
ALL THE HEROES WILL BE
GATHERED--THE CIRCLE
NEARS COMPLETION!



THE PERIL THAT THREATENS
OTHERWORLD IS DIMINISHED
BY HIS PRESENCE--THERE
IS HOPE FOR THE REALM!

NEXT MOMENT, THE HORN
OF GAFAEL RANG OUT
ONCE MORE---



THE CALL
TO ARMS!

TO THE
BATTLEMENTS
--QUICKLY!

ATOP CASTLE CAMELOT, ROMA AND THE
KNIGHT LOOKED OUT ACROSS AN OTHER-
WORLD LANDSCAPE--AND THEN---
LIGHTNING SPLIT THE SKY!



LOOK! GREAT
POWER IS
UNLEASHED!
THIS IS MY
FATHER'S
WORK!

MY LADY, THOUGH WE
HAVE NEVER MET, I CAN
RECOGNIZE YOU
INSTANTLY.

YOU HAVE
YOUR FATHER'S
AIR--

HOW IS MY
FATHER? DOES
HE FARE WELL?

AND HIS
POWER, TOO
NO DOUBT!

HE FOLLOWS CLOSE BEHIND,
LEADING A COMPANY OF
ELVES---AND THE RESTORED
HERO--CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

THEN A MOVEMENT CAUGHT THE
KNIGHT'S EYE--- RECOGNITION
DAINED, WRENCHING A CRY FROM
HIS LIPS---



MOONDOG!

MOONDOG THE ELF AND HIS BAND
OF ARCHERS HAD BROKEN COVER
AND NOW FLED TOWARDS THE CASTLE
AS IF PURSUED BY THE DEVIL
HIMSELF---



AND THEY MAY HAVE BEEN
FORGIVEN FOR THINKING
SO! FOR IT WAS NOT THE
DEVIL THAT GAVE CHASE,
BUT THE DEVIL'S CHILD---
MAEGOG!



WHO PAUSED BRIEFLY
TO NOCK ANOTHER
ARROW ON HIS
GREAT CURVED BOW---

TWANG!

AND FIRED!!

AAAGH!



THWOK!

TO BE CONTINUED.

**HE'S BACK! RETURNING TO THE PAGES OF
SPECTACULAR SPIDERMAN WEEKLY...**

**THE ADVENTURES OF
THE INVINCIBLE**

IRON MAN

A black and white illustration of Iron Man standing in a heroic pose with his arms raised. He is holding two large, rectangular pieces of armor, one in each hand. He is wearing his iconic helmet and chest plate. The background is dark and textured with splatters and motion lines.

**THE
ARMOURED
AVENGER
IN HIS OWN
WEEKLY
STORY!**

**DON'T
MISS A
SECOND
OF IT!**

IRON MAN POWER!
IRON MAN DRAMA!
IRON MAN ACTION!

**AND DON'T
FORGET--OL'
SHELLHEAD
ALSO
APPEARS
MONTHLY WITH
THE
AVENGERS
IN MARVEL
SUPERHEROES
!!!**

MOON KNIGHT ON A MYSTERIOUS MISSION!

THE

DEFENDERS

RAMPAGE



IF I REMEMBER RIGHT FROM MY SKIMPY REE ON THE DEFENDERS, THEY DON'T HAVE AN OFFICIAL HQ LIKE THE AVENGERS...

...SO MY BEST BET IS TO PAY A RETURN VISIT TO THE PLACE WHERE THEY WERE HANGING OUT IN THE VILLAGE AND HOPE THEY'RE STILL THERE!

THE SCREWY THING IS THAT—EVEN THOUGH I WAS WITH THEM FOR AWHILE LAST NIGHT—

—I REALLY DON'T KNOW HOW TO CONTACT THEM!

'CUZ—FREE AGENT OR NOT—THIS IS ONE CASE MOON KNIGHT AIN'T ABOUT TO TACKLE ALONE!

NOT AFTER NEARLY NEARLY CRACKIN' IN THAT DEATH TRAP!

SCORPIO IS BACK—BUT HE'S ALSO GOT S.N.I.F.F.D. BEHIND HIM! *BULK*47H48-D

LATER THAT MORNING, IN AN ELABORATELY RECONDITIONED FACTORY THAT OUTWARDLY APPEARS ABANDONED TO THE UNSUSPECTING CITIZENS OF BELLEVILLE, NEW JERSEY...

WHY IS IT THAT WHENEVER I TRY TO HELP YOU, JACK MORRIS-

-- I ALWAYS
LIVE TO
REGRET IT?

HITZ, MAN--
DON'T BLAME
ME! THIS WASN'T
MY IDEA! YOU
CAN BELIEVE
WHAT YOU
WANT--

ACTUALLY, IT WAS QUITE OBVIOUS, ONCE I THOUGHT ABOUT IT. MY ASTROLOGICAL FORECAST WAS TRUE. I'VE INDEED CONFRONTED YOU AT THE RIDING ACADEMY, KYLE--

--BUT I DIDN'T
TELL SCORPIO THAT
KYLE RICHMOND--
AND NIGHTMARE--
ARE REALLY ONE
AND THE SAME!

* SEE HULK #46 -
DEC

-- ONLY I WASN'T EXPECTING TO MEET A MASKED MAN--
A SO-CALLED SUPER-HERO!
NO MATTER, NOW-- I HAVE YOU WHERE I WANT YOU!

NEITHER YOU NOR JACK SHOULD TAKE THIS PERSONALLY-- IT'S JUST THAT I NEEDED YOU¹⁰ MONEY KYLE, TO COMPLETE MY PLANS.

I'VE SPENT SEVEN YEARS IN
SECLUSION, STUDYING THE SKY
AND DEVOTING MYSELF SOLE
TO MY SECRET PROJECT!

SO WHAT?

EITHER SPY
OR GET OFF THE
SPOT! I'VE SEEN
YOUR ZODIAC--WHY
DO YOU NEED
SUCH A SQUAD?

I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER ASK. IT'S A HELLNA LONG STORY, AND IT BEGINS WITH MY BECOMING THE **SECOND SCORPIO!**

YES, INDEED. I AM
NOT THE ORIGINAL
THERE WAS ANOTHER
BEFORE ME!

ANOTHER
WHO
DEIED MY
BROTHER
GOD, NICK
FURY!

*ANOTHER
WHO DIED
IN AN
EXPLOSION-
DROPPING THE
ZODIAC KEY
UNNOTICED--
WATCHED FROM
THE
SHADOWS

"NICK'S LOSS WAS MY GAIN. I TOOK THE FAMILIARITY WITH ITS POWER BECAME THE NEW SCENARIO."

***I ALMOST SUCCEEDED IN ENGINEERING MY BROTHER'S DEATH--BUT INSTEAD, BARELY ESCAPED WITH MY OWN LIFE.**

"NICK GOT HIS HANDS ON THE KEY, AND USED IT TO IMPERSONATE SCORPIO AND INFILTRATE A CRIME CARTEL KNOWN AS THE ZODIAC."

MEANWHILE, I CONTINUED TO PLAY DEAD.

SO WHAT BROUGHT YOU OUT OF RETIREMENT, OLD TIMER?

I WARN YOU, KYLE--DO NOT MAKE LIGHT OF MY AGE, IT'S NOT A JOKING MATTER.

"I STAYED HIDDEN WITH GOOD REASON. SHIELD IS A VERY POWERFUL ORGANIZATION... WITH EYES AND EARS EVERYWHERE. BUT, I, TOO, AM RATHER INGENUOUS IN MY OWN INTRIGUED WAY. THUS I MONITORED VARIOUS SECURE TRANSMISSION CHANNELS AND LEARNED THAT NICK HAD LOST THE KEY TO ARIES---WHO WAS HOLDING IT WHEN HIS CRAFT ATOMIZED OVER MANHATTAN. I HEARD SEVERAL RUMOURS OF ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE."



BUT THERE IS PLENTY TO SEE HERE IN THE AWESOME ZODAC CHAMBER AS...ACTIVATED BY THE SEEDLING SQUARE POWER OF THE KEY AND ENERGIZED BY JUNGLE'S INPUTS OF ELECTRICITY...ELEVEN ARTIFICIAL SUNS ARE WEAKLY WITH LIFE...

SCORPIO:
DO YOU EVER
STOP TO THINK
THAT THIS IS
ABNORMAL?

IT'S UNNATURAL...
A DIVERSION OF CERTAIN
BASIC PRINCIPLES...SOME
KINDA SUBTLE
FOR A REAL HUMAN
RELATIONSHIP!

ARE YOU
WYLING THAT
I'M...ALARMED?
WELL...YOU'RE
RIGHT!

I CAN'T RELATE TO
REAL PEOPLE. I NEVER
LEARNED ANY. SO I'VE
MANUFACTURED MY OWN...
THE ZODAC!

MAN, THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT--YOU NEED HELP!
DO NOT MOCK ME--YOU KNOW NOTHING OF THE...THE HUMILIATION I HAVE ENDURED IN ALL MY LIFE...

THEY WILL UNDERSTAND ME. THEY WILL SEE THINGS MY WAY. THEY WILL HELP ME.

THE ANGER THAT SEETHES WITHIN ME!

"IN A MOMENT OF ADOPTED HUMANITY, I COULD TRY TO EMULATE MY BROTHER AND ENLIST IN THE ARMY. UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES BECOME COMMONPLACE."



"IT WAS A DECISION I KIDNAPED TO RE-GET MY CHILDHOOD. RESENTMENT OF NICK RETURNING, FANNING INTO OPEN HATRED!"

PURRY!

QUICK--WHILE SCORPIO'S STILL BUSY IN THE OTHER ROOM--

I KNOW WHAT YER THINKIN' RICHMOND. RESET IT.

I SYMPATHIZE WITH YA, BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS IT GOES...



SO SPARE ME THE SMALL TALK.

SWELL.

OUTSIDE THE GREENWICH VILLAGE TOWNHOUSE OF DR. STANGE...

SAY, WHERE'S THAT WERD WINGED HORSE OF YOURS?

I JUST HOPE CLEA REMEMBERS TO FEED HIM.



WHILE SEVERAL BLOCKS NORTH AT THE ANOKE-MENTIONED PARK...



FOOD IS GOOD. HULK IS GLAD HULK DECIDED TO HAVE FUN TODAY...TO DO SOMETHING BESIDES FIGHT.



WE ARE ALREADY INDEBTED TO HER FOR ASCERTAINING THE HULK'S WHEREABOUTS.

ARE YOU SURE YOU WANNA BEING THAT GREEN GOON ALONG? WHAT IF FUL UGLY DECIDES TO NOD US UP INSTEAD?



THE HULK TALKS US, AND WE WILL HAVE USED AS HIS POWER AGAINST SCORPIO.

WELL, LET'S HOPE YOUR PAL, NIGHTMARE, DOESN'T JOIN JACK IN SCORPIO'S SLIMY CLUTCHES WHILE WE'RE STILL ON OUR WAY!

SINCE WE CAN'T GET TO CENTRAL PARK IN A PROVED SUPERHERO STYLE...

WE'LL GO TO GO TO TOURIST CLASS.



AND TO THINK I WAS WORRIED ABOUT NIGHTMARE!



HOW LIKE FUNNY HUMANS, TO RUN AWAY FROM HULK AND LEAVE FOOD BEHIND? FUNNY HUMANS ARE ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY FROM HULK OR RUNNING AFTER HULK WITH GUNS!



BAH! HULK DOESN'T CARE ABOUT THEM. HULK JUST WANTS TO EAT!



WHEN FOOD IS ALL GONE, HULK WILL...



MUN?



BUT WE ARE YOUR FRIENDS, HULK. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

SHOARD-GIRL IS HULK'S FRIEND. BUT HULK DOES NOT WANT TO BE BOTHERED TODAY--NOT EVEN BY FRIENDS.



EARTH THREATENED BY THE NULL-LIFE BOMB!









"HANKING MUST BE WARNED!"

"BUT HOW CAN I HAVE THEM BELIEVE?"

HIS OWN AGONIZING PROBLEM FORGOTTEN, THE SILVERY SKY-RIDER STREAKS TO EARTH... TO THE ONE MAN WHO MIGHT HELP!



THEN, BRIEF MOMENTS LATER... I MUST BE AS SUTTY AS YOU FOR SWALLOWING THAT YARN!

BUT YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TURNED FROM THE SARRIER UP! TO PLAY A GAG ON ME!

WAIT HERE WHILE I GO TO THE COPS!

ONE LOOK AT YOU, AND THEY WON'T BELIEVE ANYTHING!



OHMY! I TOLD YOU THE WHOLE STORY!

WHAT'RE YOU SITTING THERE FOR?

MAYBE I'M WAITIN' FOR THE WICKED WITCH TO FLY IN!

LOOK, MAN... THIS IS NO JOKE!!



NOW YOU LOOK, MISTER!

I'VE GOT A WHOLE PERSPECTIVE TO WORRY ABOUT... I'VE GOT ROBBERIES... GANG FIGHTS... CAR THEFTS... EVEN MURDER!

IF YOU WANNA GO LOOK- IN FOR SOME MAD BOMBER FROM SPACE, BE MY GUEST!

BUT DON'T DO-IT- HERE, SEET!

NOW TAKE OFF! GOT THINGS TO DO!



I NEVER THOUGHT AL HARKER WOULD TRY TO PULL A STUNT LIKE THAT!

I GUESS THERE'S NO FIGUREN' SOME GUYS OUT!

A FEW DAYS UP THERE, AND ANYONE MIGHT START IMAGINING THINGS!



IT'S HOPE-LESS, I'VE BEEN TO THE COPS... THE ARMY... AND THE FBI!

THE ONLY ONES I MISSED ARE THE BOY SCOUTS!

HOW IN BLAZES CAN I EXPECT ANYONE ELSE TO BELIEVE MY STORY...

WHEN I FEEL LIKE A FULL-TIME NUT FOR BELIEVING IT MYSELF!

THE ONLY THING IS... IF IT'S REALLY TRUE... WE'RE ALL PRACTICALLY DONE FOR!



NOBODY LISTENED! NOBODY EVER LISTENS!

SO WHAT DO WE DO NOW??

WE HAVE NO CHOICE! WE WILL HAVE TO FIND THE BOMB OURSELVES!

ARE YOU BATTY?

DO YOU KNOW HOW BIG THIS PLANET IS?



IT COULD BE ANY- WHERE!



NO ONE KNOWS THIS PLANET'S SIZE BETTER THAN I!

I HAVE GLIDED OVER EVERY MILE!

AND NOW... I MUST DO SO AGAIN!

OF COURSE! YOUR BOARD!!

WAIT! I'M GOING WITH YOU!



YOU... TOOK OFF TOO FAST!! CAN'T... STAND UP...!!

I... I'M FALLING!!



IT WAS MY FALL!... I DID NOT THINK!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN
NO UNTRAINED MAN
COULD SHY-DOE AS
I DO!



IT WILL BE BEST FOR
ME TO BRING YOU
BACK!

NO! I'VE
GONE THIS
FAR—I
WANNA
SEE IT
THROUGH!

THERE
MUST BE
SOM'N
WAY!



WHAT IS THAT **INSTRUMENT**
YOU HAVE BROUGHT?

IT'S A
**PORTABLE
GEIGER-
SCOPE!**

I DESIGNED IT
TO REACT TO
**FOREIGN-UN-
EARTHLY SUB-
STANCES**, WHEN
I WAS SEARCH-
ING FOR
METEORITES!

MAYBE
IT'LL COME
IN HANDY
NOW!



THEN, AS CITY AFTER CITY SPEEDS PAST...

UPON MY **BOARD**,
WE CAN COVER VAST
DISTANCES IN A
MATTER OF
MINUTES!

WE MUST NOT
PAUSE TILL WE
HAVE FOUND...
THE **STRANGER!**

**HOLD
IT! SLOW
DOWN!**



WE MAY BE **LUCKIER**
THAN WE DARED TO
HOP!



MY **GEIGER-
SCOPE'S** THROBBING
LIKE **MAD!**

WHATEVER'S
AFFECTING IT,
IT'S IN THAT
DIRECTION!

THIS IS IT,
SURFER!
LET'S GO
DOWNSTAIRS!



WOULD
TIGHTLY!
MY FRIEND!
I WILL
EXCEED
THE RATE OF
A FALLING
OBJECT...

THUS, OUR
SPEED ALONE
WILL PREVENT
YOU FROM
SLIDING
OFF!



SECONDS LATER...

WHILE I
HUNT FOR
THE **BOMB...**
YOU'RE BETTER GO
AFTER THE
STRANGER!



ONE
THING ABOUT
THAT JOE...
HE SURE
DON'T
DIDDLE!

I **SENSE** AN AURA OF
INDISCRIBABLE, UNEARTHLY
FORCE NOT FAR AWAY!



IT CAN
ONLY COME
FROM THE ONE
I **SEEK!**

AND, IF HE'S
STILL UPON
THIS PLANET...



IT MEANS HUMANITY'S
TIME HAS
NOT YET RUN
OUT!

FOR THE
BOMB WILL NOT BE
DETONATED TILL
HE IS **DEEPLY
GONE!**

UPON THAT
**PEAK... A STRANGE
AND AWESOME
GLOW.**



AND NOW... I SEEM
TO HEAR A SPATIAL
VOICE!!

**SURFER...
APPROACH
ME!**

MEET A SAVAGE CONFRONTATION

A SURPRISE VISITOR FOR HANK MCCOY!

THE BEAST

ONCE HE HAD BEEN ONE OF THE TEAM OF TEENAGE MUTANTS KNOWN AS THE X-MEN. BUT THEN HANK MCCOY GRADUATED FROM CHARLES XAVIER'S SCHOOL FOR "GIFTED" YOUNGSTERS TO PURSUE HIS CAREER IN SCIENCE. NOW HIS MUTANT BODY HAS CHANGED HIM INTO A FUR-COVERED SINISTER ENTITY... THE BEAST!





THEN I SAY "CHAINED, MISS DONALDSON" AND WE STROLL OFF INTO THE SUNSET.



WHY, HENRY, YOU RAN ALL THAT WAY AFTER ME, AND YOU'RE NOT EVEN SWEATING!

WELL... I--KEEP IN SHAPE! AND BESIDES, I ONLY SWEAT ON ALTERNATE THURSDAYS.



NOW, IT MAKES ME TIRED JUST THINKING ABOUT IT. WHY DON'T WE JUST SKIP LUNCH AND SIT HERE ON THE BENCH FOR A WHILE?

I'D KIND OF LIKE TO RELAX...

OH? OH, SURE, LINDA.

FUNNY, ISN'T IT? HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE AROUND, GUARDS PATROLLING ALL THE TIME--AND STILL, WHEN TWO PEOPLE WANT TO BE ALONE, THEY CAN BE.



LINDA, I--I'D LIKE--

SHARD, TONY



OH, NO-- NO!

HOW CAN I HOLD HER--RISES HER RUBBER?

I'M ALREADY CLOSER THAN I SHOULD EVER BE TO ANYONE! COME ON, LINDA. I THINK--I'D LIKE--TO EAT--AFTER ALL.



THE REMAINING DAYLIGHT HOURS PASS-- BUT NOT EASILY, FOR HARK! IN COME IT IS A DAY OF FRUSTRATION, AS A SOLUTION TO HIS PROBLEMS ELUDES HIM--

--FRUSTRATION THAT FINALLY CAN ONLY BE RESOLVED IN ONE WAY...



I COULDN'T HAVE STOOD THOSE STRAPS ANOTHER SECOND, AND THAT MASK--

I HATE TO SAY IT, BUT THIS IS WHAT I NEEDED--



--THE FREEDOM, THE POWER OF THE BEAST!

LIKE IT OR NOT-- AND IT'S NOT-- THIS IS MY BODY NOW! I DON'T KNOW HOW LONG I CAN FORCE IT OUT OF SHAPE THAT WAY.

WAIT A MINUTE-- WHAT'S THAT?



IRON MAN?!

GOOD LORD! SOME SORT OF THING-- HALF HUMAN, HALF ANIMAL!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, APE-MAN. LET'S HAVE A--



NEXT WEEK:
A LIFE OR
DEATH BATTLE
WITH THE
AVENGER!

THE FLAME OF LIFE BLOWN SKY-HIGH BY...

THE INCREDIBLE

HULK



VICTIM OF GAMMA RADIATION
BRUCE BANNER NOW FINDS
HIMSELF TRANSFORMED IN TIMES
OF STRESS INTO THE MOST POWERFUL
CREATURE EVER TO WALK THE
EARTH!

CAUGHT SOMEWHERE IN THE MIST OF
THE EXPLOSION IS THORAN, THE
AGELESS MARSHAL OF ANTIQUITY
WHO FIRST USED THE COSMIC FLAME
TO WINNER HIS FADING IMMORTALITY
AND WHO HAS NOW BECOME ONE WITH
THE FLAME: HIS STATE OF BEING IS
QUESTIONABLE AT BEST, BUT FOR
THE EXPLOSION IS TRADING AWAY THE
ANCIENT FLAME THAT CONTAINS THE
FLAME OF LIFE...

THIS IS THE WAY EL DORADO ENDS-- FOR THE
SACRED FLAME LEAVING THAT FAIRER LAND HAS
JUST BLOWN SKY-HIGH! ON THE OTHER HAND
THE HULK, WHOSE RAGING STRENGTH CAUSED
THE EXPLOSION, IS BEING STRUCK DOWN--
CLOSELY FOLLOWED BY THE WINNING GUNNER
WHO HAS BECOME THE HULK'S ACCIDENTAL PARTNER.



DEATH-- AND DESTINY!

STERN & BUSCEMA



YEAH? HULK THOUGHT EXPLOSION
WOULD FINISH YOU... BUT HULK
SEES HE WAS WRONG.



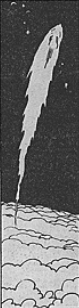
HOODEG... CURSE YOU, HULK!
THE FULL POWER OF THE
FLAME WAS NEVER MEANT
TO GO UNCHECKED... AND NOW,
NO BEING MAY
PUT IT UNDER
CONTROL
AGAINNNN...



THE FINAL, UN-STOPPING
RELEASE OF ENERGY
SENDS THE ANTI-MATTER
FLAME HURTLING TOWARD
THE SKY...



...THE PILLAR OF FIRE
RUSHES UPWARD INTO
SPACE LIKE A BLIND
GIGANT, THERE TO
PLACER BEHIND THE
ATMOSPHERE. A MASS
SPARK AMONG THE
STARS...



...BEFORE IT DIES
OUT, PASSING
WITHOUT A
WITNESS!



EXCEPT ONE:
GAMMAGHON, THE
SPACE GIANT WHO
MAKES THE SOLAR
FLAMES OF THE JUNG
MOUNTAINS AND
WINDS OF BUT THE
FIRST OF THE COMING
CATASTROPHES THAT
WILL DETERMINE IN
50 YEARS TIME, IF
THE HUMAN RACE
SHALL LIVE... OR DIE.



FOR A MOMENT GAMMAGHON STUDIES THE RISING FLAME.
IT BEARS THE TOUCH OF THE DIVINITY RACE CREATED BY
THE CELESTIALS THOSE MANY THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO.
THE SIGHT WOULD AROUSE A HUMAN BEING, BUT THE
GIGANT CANNOT WITNESS VISION BEYOND ANALYSIS.
COMPREHENSION.



...WHEN THE CELESTIAL
FOUNTAINS OF A SERIES
GAMMAGHON MOVES ON...



...FOR TIME IS SHORT AND
THERE IS A WORLD AWAIT-
ING JUDGMENT!

FOR THE HULK, HONOR, THERE
IS ONLY VICTORY.



HAAH! TYRANNUS THOUGHT
STUPID FIRE WOULD HELP
HIM... BUT NOW HE KNOWS
THAT NO ONE CAN
BEAT THE HULK!

I DON'T WANT TO
ARGUE WITH YOU,
HULK. OL' BUDDY... BUT
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
THIS GROUND IS STILL
FRAGILE TOO MUCH.



GOLDBUG...?
HULK FORGOT
ABOUT YOU!



RUNCH!

HULK REMEMBERS HOW
YOU TRICKED HIM-- NOW
YOU BROUGHT HIM TO THEM--
NOW YOU PRETEND TO
BE HIS FRIEND!



THEN THE EARTH GROANS AND SHAKES
VIBRANTLY THE EARTHQUAKE BY THE CORRECT
FLAME WINDS, AND ENTIRE MOUNTAINS
BEGIN TO CRUMBLE...



--FILLING IN THE BARRING WOUND
IN THE LAND UNTIL ALL IS
AGAIN QUIET--



--AND BENEATH THE RUBBLE,
THE BRIGHT LAND OF EL DORADO
LIES FOREVER BURIED!

AND WHAT OF THE SURVIVORS
OF THEIR REALM OF GOLD?

OUR DREAMS... OUR HOPES...
ALL LIE IN THE DUNES OF
EL DORADO! WHERE SHALL
WE GO? WHAT SHALL WE DO?



I DO NOT KNOW WHAT
TULAK MY MENTOR WOULD
ANSWER-- BUT HE SUEO SO
THAT WE COULD BE FREE OF
DESTRUCTORS AND TYRANTS!



FOLLOW ME! IT WAS INTO
THESE VAST CAVERNS
THAT TULAK BID US GO!

HERE WE SHALL
FOUND A NEW
EL DORADO WITH-
OUT PRINCES OR
KINGDOMS AND FILLED
WITH PEACE AND
JUSTICE! HERE WE
SHALL FIND A
NEW HOME, AND
PERHAPS... A
NEW DESTINY.

NEW YORK CITY! ITS SEWER
SYSTEM IS CAGED WITH FILTH
AND INFESTED WITH VERMIN,
AND IT DOES NOT OFTEN
RECEIVE VISITORS--



-- BUT TODAY IS JUST
ONE OF THOSE DAYS!



HUH? WHERE
ARE MOUNTAINS
NOW DID HULK
GET HERE?

OH! I DON'T
BELIEVE IT!
IT'S TOO GOOD
TO BE TRUE!



WE'VE BEEN TELEPORTED
BACK TO CIVILIZATION!



WE'RE HOME, HULK! HOME!
LET'S GET OUT OF--

HOLD IT,
GOLDBUG! HULK IS NOT
DONE WITH YOU!



HOLY--! IN THE HEAT
OF THE MOMENT,
I THOUGHT HE'D
GOTT OF POSITIVE
AND FORGET!



AT LEAST THE HULK
CAN'T LEAP AFTER
ME DOWN HERE--
AND I CAN RUN
FASTER THAN HE
CAN PLOD!



WHICH MEANS THAT
I CAN GET AWAY
FROM HIM, IF I
COME TO SOME
ANYWHERE NEAR--



THIS IS TOO GOOD TO BE
TRUE! I'M IN MANHATTAN
JUST TWO BLOCKS FROM
MY PENTHOUSE!



GOLDBUG, YOU OL' SON OF-A-GUN!
YOU CAME THROUGH THIS ONE
COMPLETELY UN--

WELL, WELL-- IF
IT AIN'T JACK
SMITH! WHAT
SEWER DID YOU
CLIMB OUT OF?

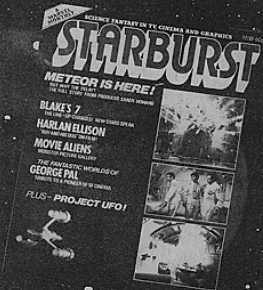


I'VE GOT A NEW PARTNER TO
LIKE
YOU TO MEET, IRON FIST... JACK
SMITH, SMITH'S ALSO A SUMMY BOY
WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE GOLDBUG--
I'VE BEEN LOOKIN' FOR HIM
FOR MONTHS!

LEAVE CASBY!
NOBODY THIS
CAN'T BE
HAPPENING!



NEXT: IN MORTAL COMBAT WITH SASQUATCH!



THE MIGHTY MARVEL REVOLUTION MOVES ON!

